

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (amended) In combination for use in a pogo stick operable on a support surface,
 - a collapsible bellows,
 - a spring disposed in the bellows and coupled to the bellows for constraint in accordance with the constraint in the bellows,
 - a handle disposed at the top of the bellows for grasping by the hands of pogo stick user,
 - an actuator having upper and lower ends and disposed at its upper end within the spring in the bellows and extending at its lower end below the bellows and below the spring to the support surface, and
 - a platform coupled to the spring at the bottom of the spring at a position above the support surface for movement with the spring between the constrained and the unconstrained relationships.
3. (amended) In a combination as set forth in claim 1 wherein
 - the platform is disposed in a lateral direction and wherein
 - the training members constitute a pair, each of the training members being attached to the platform on an opposite lateral end from the attachment of the other of the training members to the platform.
4. (amended) In a combination as set forth in claim 3 wherein
 - each of the training members is attached to the platform at an intermediate position on the training member and wherein
 - the opposite ends of each training member extend to the support surface at spaced positions on the support surface.

6. (amended) In combination for use in a pogo stick operable on a support surface,
a platform for receiving the feet of a user in a standing relationship,
an actuator extending above and below the platform to the support surface,
a bellows extending from an intermediate position of the actuator to the top of the
actuator and normally unconstrained and manually movable by the user into a constrained
relationship,
a handle extending from the top of the actuator, and
a spring enclosed within the bellows and operatively coupled to the bellows at a
position above the platform to become constrained in accordance with the constraint of the
bellows.

8. (amended) In a combination as set forth in claim 6 wherein
the bellows is formed from a plurality of scalloped portions each displaced in a
vertical direction from the others and wherein
the spring is helical and wherein
the scalloped portions of the bellows and the spring are coaxial and wherein the
scalloped portions of the bellows are coupled to the actuator.

9. (amended) In a combination as set forth in claim 6 wherein

training members are attached to the platform for providing stability to the pogo stick when the pogo stick is actuated from one position on the support surface to another position on the support surface.

10. (amended) In a combination as set forth in claim 7 wherein

the bellows is formed from a plurality of scalloped portions each displaced in a vertical direction from the other sealed portions and wherein

the spring is helical and wherein

the scalloped portions and the spring are coaxial and wherein

the bellows and the spring are coupled to each other to provide a constraint of the spring when the bellows is constrained and wherein

training members are attached to the platform for providing stability to the pogo stick when the pogo stick is actuated from one position on the support surface to another position on the support surface.

11. (amended) A pogo stick operable on a support surface , including

a platform extending in a lateral direction for supporting the feet of a user with the user in a standing position on the platform,

an actuator extending through the platform from a position below the platform to a position above the platform the actuator being movable to the support surface,

constraintable means operatively coupled to the actuator for providing for a movement of the platform and a movement of the actuator to the support surface when the constraintable means are constrained and the constraint is released,

handle bars attached to the constraintable means at the upper end of the constraintable means for gripping by the user, and

training members extending from the opposite lateral ends of the platform for enhancing the stability of the pogo stick on the support surface when the pogo stick is actuated.

12. (amended) A pogo stick as set forth in claim 11 wherein

the training members are removable from the platform when the user has become skilled in operating the pogo stick and wherein

the platform, the actuator, the constrainable means and the handle bars operate as the pogo stick when the training members are removed from the platform.

14. (amended) A pogo stick as set forth in claim 11 wherein

the training members have opposite ends disposed on the support surface to enhance the stability of the pogo stick on the support surface and wherein the training members are disposed in a direction substantially perpendicular to a line between the feet of the user on the platform and wherein the training members constitute a pair separated from each other in a direction corresponding to the distance between the feet of the user on the platform.

16. (amended) In combination for disposition and operation on a support surface,

a pogo stick actuatable by a user to produce hopping movements of the user and the pogo stick on support surface,

the pogo stick including a platform extending in a lateral direction for supporting the user in a standing position on the platform,

an actuator extending down through the platform for disposition on the support surface, and

the actuator and the training members being disposed relative to one another to provide for the operation of the pogo stick when the training members are removed from the platform

training members coupled to the platform to enhance the stability of the pogo stick on the support surface when the pogo stick is actuated.

18. (amended) In a combination as set forth in claim 17 wherein
the training members have opposite ends disposed on the support surface in a
direction corresponding to the direction in which the user is facing and wherein
the training members are attached at an intermediate position to the platform at
the opposite lateral ends of the platform.

19. (amended) In a combination as set forth in claim 16 wherein
a pair of training members are provided each coupled to the platform at an
opposite lateral end of the platform from the other and wherein
the training members are removable from the platform.

20. (amended) In a combination as set forth in claim 17 wherein
the training members have opposite ends disposed on the support surface and
wherein
the training members are removably attached at an intermediate position to the
opposite lateral ends of the platform and wherein
the training members are made from a resilient material.

21. (amended) In combination for operation on a support surface,
a pogo stick actuatable by a user to produce hopping movements of the user and
the pogo stick along a support surface,
the pogo stick including a constrainable bellows and a constrainable spring
coupled to the bellows to become constrained in accordance with the constraint of the bellows,
the pogo stick also including a platform having a lateral disposition for supporting
the feet of a user, and

training members attached to the platform at the opposite lateral ends of the platform to provide stability to the pogo stick when, upon actuation of the pogo stick from the support surface, the pogo stick returns to the support surface.

22. (amended) In a combination as set forth in claim 21,

the training members constituting a pair, both extending in the direction in which the user is facing with the user's feet on the platform and one disposed at one lateral end of the platform and the other disposed at the other lateral end of the platform.

23. (amended) In a combination as set forth in claim 21 wherein

the training members are resilient and have a looped configuration and are attached to the platform at intermediate positions in the looped configuration and are disposed on the support surface at their opposite ends.

24. (amended) In a combination as set forth in claim 21 wherein

each of the training members is disposed at its opposite ends to flex outwardly when the pogo stick is actuated to provide a hopping movement.

25. (amended) In a combination as set forth in claim 22 wherein

the training members are resilient and have a looped configuration and are attached to the platform at intermediate positions in the looped configuration and at the opposite lateral ends of the platform and are disposed on the support surface at their opposite ends and wherein

each of the training members is disposed at its opposite ends to flex outwardly when the pogo stick is actuated to provide a hopping movement.

26. (amended) In a combination as set forth in claim 25 wherein

each of the training members extends outwardly at its opposite ends in the distance between the platform and the support surface and wherein the outward direction of each

member at its opposite ends is enhanced by a flattening of the support member when the pogo stick is actuated to provide a hopping movement of the pogo stick.

27. (amended) In combination for operation on a support surface,

a pogo stick actuatable by a user to produce hopping movements of the user and the pogo stick along a support surface,

the pogo stick also including a handle for manual gripping by the hands of the user,

the pogo stick also including a platform extending in a lateral direction for receiving the feet of the user,

the pogo stick also including an actuator extending from the handle through the platform to the support surface,

the pogo stick also including a spring disposed between the handle and the platform for constraint in a direction corresponding to the direction between the handle and the platform, and

training members attached to the opposite lateral ends of the platform to provide stability to the pogo stick when, upon actuation of the pogo stick from the support surface, the pogo stick returns to the support surface,

the training members and the actuator being disposed on the support surface to provide for the operation of the pogo stick when the training members are removed from the platform.

28. (amended) In a combination as set forth in claim 27,

the training members constituting resilient members attached to the bottom of the platform at an intermediate position along the length of the resilient members and extending to the support surface at their opposite ends.

29. (amended) In a combination as set forth in claim 28 wherein

the training members are resiliently and removably attached to the opposite lateral ends of the platform and are disposed in the direction in which the user is facing when the user is disposed on the platform and wherein

the pogo stick is operable when the training members are removed from the platform.

30. (amended) In a combination as set forth in claim 27 wherein

the training members and the actuator are constructed and disposed relative to the platform to become constrained when the pogo stick, upon actuation, returns to the support surface.

PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING CLAIMS:

32. (new) In a combination as set forth in claim 1 wherein

the bellows is coupled to the actuator.

33. (new) In a combination as set forth in claim 5 wherein

the bellows is coupled to the actuator at progressive positions along the actuator above the platform.

34. (new) In a combination as set forth in claim 2 wherein

the training members are removably coupled to the platform and extend from the platform to the support surface.

35. (new) In a combination as set forth in claim 34 wherein

the training members are removably and resiliently coupled to the platform and extend from the platform to a position corresponding to the bottom of the actuator.

36. (new) In a combination as set forth in claim 6 wherein
the bellows is coupled to the actuator.

37. (new) In a combination as set forth in claim 10 wherein
the bellows is coupled to the actuator at progressive positions along the actuator above
the pedestal.

38. (new) In a combination as set forth in claim 6 wherein
the platform has a lateral disposition and the training members are attached to the
platform at the opposite lateral ends of the platform at a position below the bottom of the
platform.

39. (new) In a combination as set forth in claim 38 wherein
the training members are removably and resiliently coupled to the platform.

40. (new) A pogo stick as set forth in claim 11, including:
a bellows operatively coupled to the constrainable means and constrainable in accordance
with the constraint of the constrainable means.

41. (new) A pogo stick as set forth in claim 40 wherein
the bellows is coupled to the actuator at progressive positions along the actuator.

42. (new) A pogo stick as set forth in claim 15 wherein
a bellows is operatively coupled to the constrainable means and is constrainable in
accordance with the constraint of the constrainable means and wherein
the bellows is coupled to the actuator at progressive positions along the actuator.

43. (new) In a combination as set forth in claim 21 wherein,
an actuator extends through the constrainable bellows and the constrainable spring to the
support surface and wherein
the constrainable bellows is coupled to the actuator at progressive positions along the
actuator and the constrainable spring is disposed on the actuator.

44. (new) In a combination as set forth in claim 26 wherein
the bellows is coupled to the actuator at progressive positions along the actuator.